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## ***Message from the Committee President***

On behalf of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee, I am pleased to present the annual publication of the Committee's newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to provide you with targeted information to heighten your awareness of regulations concerning speech-language pathology and audiology. Holding licensure is both a privilege and a responsibility that should not be taken for granted. Our statutes and regulations should help guide us as we make daily decisions in clinical practice.

Often the committee is presented with basic questions about licensure, such as: What are the requirements for continuing education? When advertising, what are my responsibilities as a licensee? Do I need to include my license number and name on each advertisement? What about clinical supervision requirements?

The answers to these and other questions can be found in the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Committee's publication of statutes and regulations. It is a great resource, one that will help provide you with the answers to your questions. Have you misplaced the booklet? Simply go to [www.NJConsumerAffairs.com/aud/audrule.pdf](http://www.NJConsumerAffairs.com/aud/audrule.pdf) to visit the Committee's Web site.

The statutes and regulations handbook found on the Web site will provide answers to your questions in an expedient manner, and help keep you informed and assured that you are complying with the practice requirements. This is not only your professional responsibility; it is the law, which ensures protection for the consumers of New Jersey.

The Committee would appreciate your comments as well as suggestions for future issues of our newsletter. Thank you for your continued commitment to the people you serve.

Sandy Friedland, C.C.C./S.L.P.  
President

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## Meet the Committee Members

**Sandra M. Friedland, C.C.C./S.L.P.**, the president of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee, is a licensed speech-language pathologist in the State of New Jersey. Ms. Friedland began her work experience at the Cerebral Palsy Center in Goshen, New York, in 1964. She has worked as a speech-language specialist in the Perth Amboy school district for the past 37 years.

**Anne M. Eckert, Au.D., M.B.A., F.A.A.A., C.C.C./A.** is the Director of Rehabilitation Services at J.F.K. Johnson Rehabilitation Institute in Edison, New Jersey. She is also an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University. Dr. Eckert has published in the area of balance assessment and is currently involved in a research project with Seton Hall University and the J.F.K. Neuroscience Institute on the topic of Electrophysiological Measurement of Audiology Processing Disorders (A.P.D.) in Normal Children and Children with A.P.D. Prior to her appointment on the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee, she was a member of the Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee.

**Theresa E. Bartolotta, M.A., C.C.C./S.L.P.**, has been a committee member since 1998. She is a doctoral candidate at Seton Hall University's Health Sciences Program and is an assistant professor at Kean University in Union, New Jersey. Her dissertation research focuses on the communication skills of girls with Rett Syndrome. She is in private practice in Monmouth County, where she specializes in the treatment of young children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Down Syndrome.

**Sheila Kotler, C.C.C./S.L.P.**, has worked as a school speech-language pathologist since 1963. In January 2001, she retired from the Marlboro Township Public Schools. Mrs. Kotler was chosen to attend the Stuttering Foundation Workshop at Northwestern University in 1991 and has maintained a special interest in the area of stuttering therapy.

**Louis J. Conte, D.O., F.A.O.C.O.**, has a private practice in otorhinolaryngology and oral-facial plastic surgery in several areas in northern New Jersey. Dr. Conte is a fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery. He also holds memberships with the American Osteopathic Association, the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, and the Sigma Sigma Phi National Honorary Osteopathic Fraternity. Dr. Conte has also published articles in the American Journal of Rhinology on Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery Symptomatic Relief: A Patient Perspective and in the Journal of the American Osteopathic Colleges on Premedicants: Nasal Stadol as a Premedicant for Pediatric Anesthesia. Dr. Conte is also an attending physician at Union Hospital and St. Barnabas Teaching Hospital.

**Anne Marie Mazzu** is a member of the law firm of Witman, Stadtmauer & Michaels, P.A., which is located in Florham Park, New Jersey. Ms. Mazzu graduated from Douglass College in 1985. She received her J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law in 1989 and her L.L.M. in taxation from New York University School of Law in 1993. She is a public member of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee.

**Dr. Deborah Rosin** is a graduate of Princeton University. She received her medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. Her training in otolaryngology was also done at the University of Pennsylvania. She is currently in private practice in ear nose and throat in Edison, New Jersey.

**Freda Renz-Spagnola** is a public member who has been active in many community organizations. She has faithfully served the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee since its inception in 1987.

## Did You Know?

### Facts about your license

- \* Temporary licenses are available for professionals who have recently moved to New Jersey and for individuals participating in a clinical internship.

New residents of New Jersey may obtain a temporary license if they meet the specified qualifications. These licenses are effective for up to one year. Clinical interns must obtain a temporary license prior to beginning their internships. These licenses are valid for up to 18 months. Temporary licenses cannot be renewed.

- \* If you change your address of record, it is your responsibility to notify the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in writing within 60 days. Failure to do so may impede the delivery of your license renewal forms.
- \* You are responsible for ensuring that you renew your license on time. Renewal of the license is the responsibility of the licensee, even if you fail to receive a renewal form in the mail. Be aware of the date of the renewal period! If you do not receive a renewal form by October 15 of the renewal year, contact the Committee's office at 973-504-6390.
- \* Clinical internship supervisors are responsible for ensuring that interns fulfill all of the requirements for licensure and abide by all of the applicable statutes and regulations.
- \* All licensees must post their biennial renewal certificate in a conspicuous place in their offices.

### Facts about Continuing Education

- \* Licensees must complete 20 hours of continuing professional education in the two-year period preceding license renewal.
- \* A maximum of 10 hours (of the total of 20 hours) can be earned by completing self-assessment home study courses.

- \* Licensees must keep comprehensive records of the continuing education hours that they have completed. Be prepared to submit documentation of those hours to the Advisory Committee upon request. Maintain these records for five years following the renewal period.

### Facts about Professional Practice

- \* **FEES Update.** At the current time, licensees are not permitted to perform Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) procedures. After much discussion and investigation, the Committee has written a proposed regulation that would permit licensed speech-language pathologists to perform FEES procedures in the State of New Jersey, as long as strict requirements regarding education and training are fulfilled. This regulation is presently in review and is not yet proposed. Until that time, licensees are reminded that they are not permitted to perform FEES procedures in the State of New Jersey.
- \* **Notice to employers and contractors.** Employees and independent contractors who perform speech-language pathology or audiology services for your practice or agency must be licensed in the State of New Jersey. You are responsible for ensuring that these individuals are licensed, and that they *maintain* their licenses during each renewal period. Be certain to obtain proof of license renewal from each speech-language pathologist or audiologist you employ or with whom you contract, in your practice or other work setting.
- \* **Hearing Screenings in the Schools:** The Committee is currently working with the Board of Nursing to clarify the role and permissible responsibilities of nurses and audiologists in the school setting.
- \* **ASHA Model Licensure Bill:** The purpose of the ASHA Model Licensure Bill is to serve as a template to states that wish to change or update their state practice act and to align their state standards with those of ASHA.

A subcommittee of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee reviewed this information with regard to state licensure regulations for speech pathology & audiology.

### Important Notice To All Temporary Licensees

If you are a temporary licensee, please be advised that recent legislation now requires the Division of Consumer Affairs to conduct criminal history record background checks of all health care professionals prior to the issuance of their license (N.J.S.A. 45:1-28 *et seq.*). This means that all temporary licensees (as well as new applicants and those who seek reinstatement) will be required to complete a criminal history background check along with the other items that are needed for full licensure.

If you know that your clinical fellowship is due to be completed within about two months, please contact the Committee's office at 973-504-6390 to find out what you need to do in order to obtain your regular license. Criminal history background checks require fingerprinting, which can take up to six weeks to process and review. Be advised that the Division will not accept any fingerprinting that was done previously for the Department of Education or for any other entity. Rather than waiting until your clinical internship is completed in order to start this process, simply call the office at the number listed above so that you can obtain the Certification and Authorization form and get the information you need to schedule an appointment to have your fingerprints recorded electronically. This will significantly shorten the time it takes for you to become licensed. Please note that you will be required to pay a \$78.00 fee for this service.

## Disciplinary Actions

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Over the past several years, the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee has taken disciplinary actions against its licensees for violations against our statutes and regulations. In one case, a respondent was ordered to cease and desist holding himself out as a speech-language pathologist without being licensed and was charged a penalty of \$500. In another case a license was suspended and the person was charged a \$2,500 penalty for holding himself out to the public as a Sci.D., a C.S.L.P., and for performing audiometric screenings. In a third case, a license was suspended for one year because the licensee altered another person's hearing aid dispenser's license and presented it as her own. She was also charged with the costs of the investigation. In a fourth case, a respondent voluntarily surrendered her license after being charged with obtaining controlled dangerous substances. Recently, the Committee sent out two uniform penalty letters charging licensees with \$250 penalties for the failure to notify the Committee of a change in address and also for practicing with an expired temporary license after the completion of a clinical internship. Please be aware that any violations of the statutes and regulations of the Committee will result in disciplinary action.

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